

## Press Release

### **RailRunner® “Connection No 1” between Bratislava and Brunswick starts on July 31**

[Hamburg, July 3, 2017] As there were not enough craneable MEGA trailers available to start on April 18, the new block train connection had to be rescheduled. With the start of the **“Connection No 1”** on July 31, RailRunner Europe is taking the first steps to implement its innovative bimodal technology in Europe.

The block train connection between the Port of Brunswick and the Port of Bratislava operates on a daily basis and will start with pocket wagons and conventional craneable MEGA trailers, swap bodies and containers in the first instance. Traction will be provided by the high-performing Czech company ČD Cargo a.s., while EGP (Eisenbahngesellschaft Potsdam mbH) operates on the German route.

In the first phase, RailRunner will collect and document a large number of data on capacity, utilization, traction energy requirements, handling capacity and additional relevant factors.

The second phase is expected to begin after the bimodal RailRunner technology has been approved in 2019, while the conventional technology will be replaced by the RailRunner specific equipment in this rail connection. The weight-intensive use of pocket wagons and the need for heavy handling equipment like reach stackers and portal cranes becomes no longer necessary. Instead of 36 semitrailers it becomes possible to transport probably 42 semitrailers under the same conditions (train length and gross weight).

“As of now, we have rented trailers ourselves, henceforth, supporting interested customers in using our offer of transport. In doing so, the client’s derivative risk will be reduced when switching to intermodal transportation”, says Gerhard Oswald, Managing Director of RailRunner Europe GmbH.

From Monday to Friday the trains depart the terminals in Bratislava and Brunswick in both directions at approx. 19:00 o'clock and arrive at the destination terminal around noon the following day.

#### **About RailRunner Europe GmbH**

The US-American holding company RailRunner N.A., Inc. founded RailRunner Europe GmbH in Hamburg in 2015. RailRunner Europe aims at introducing RailRunner’s unique technology in Europe in which semitrailers are loaded onto innovative bogies without having to rely on

conventional terminals. After the certification, homologation, and approval for Europe, the European RailRunner rolling stock will be manufactured mainly in Europe.

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